



JOB DESCRIPTION Youth Participants

Background

Founding Youth Participants have been invited to take part in the Prince Edward Island Children & Youth Table upon recommendation of Adult members and fellow Youth Participants. A job description was requested from Youth Participants and therefore developed by Founding Youth Participants as follows.

Qualities

Youth Participants will have an understanding and ability to address the serious topics of the Table; seeing topics through the lens of Youth's own experiences and/or empathy for others. There is no set age range. Having a passion for the Rights of Children and Youth, a willingness to be a voice for others, to seek others' input, is what is most important.

Role

- Offer ideas and opinions about topics related to the protection and welfare of Children and Youth in Prince Edward Island, including promoting the Rights of Children and Youth
- Participate in discussions with the Child and Youth Support & Engagement member before and after each meeting
- Attend meetings on a regular basis
- Suggest agenda items for meetings, share in the facilitation of topics, chair meetings and/or discussions as needed
- Contribute to reports as needed, i.e. to government, to the Child & Youth Advocate Office
- Participate in national and/or international conversations as needed
- Maintain regular communications with the Child and Youth Support & Engagement Table member
- Contribute actively. Youth Participants not demonstrating engagement will have a check-in with the Children and Youth Support & Engagement member to ensure continuing is something that is feasible and wanted.

Terms of Service

- Youth Participants serve a Term of two (2) years
- Orientation will typically be a duration of one (1) month at which time Youth Participants can make a decision to continue
- There will be an understanding that life circumstances may affect the ability to continue; breaks away from serving the Table will be considered as needed
- Upon completion of a Term, Youth Participants may offer to serve for an additional one (1) year Term
- Typically, Youth Participants will serve a maximum of three (3) Terms OR
- Upon turning twenty-five (25) years of age, Youth Participants will be offered membership as an Adult at the Table if they wish to remain engaged
- Exceptions can be considered to all elements of Terms of Service upon a consensus of current Youth Participants and consultation with the Child and Youth Support & Engagement member

Recruitment

Both Adults and Youth will play an active role in recruiting new Youth Participants as needed. New Youth Participants will be agreed upon by consensus of current Youth Participants, with the guidance of the Child and Youth Support & Engagement member.

Recruitment will support the Table's Terms of Reference regarding Adult to Youth ratio, with consideration that a maximum of ten (10) Youth Participants will serve at any time.

Support

- The Child and Youth Support & Engagement member is available for Youth Participants to connect with about the Table
- Group communication channels will be made available for regular contact between meetings
- Meeting time before Table meetings to review topics, discuss the agenda, plan facilitation and/or chairing roles
- Meeting time after Table meetings to debrief
- If needed, referral services to further debrief topics
- Assurance that no member of the Table will disclose or share the identity of Youth Participants publicly; with the knowledge Youth Participants are welcomed to share their role as they wish

Approved by consensus of Youth Participants May 26, 2020